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restoring the Presbyterian Ministers who were thrust from their Churches since the first of January, 1661.

Edinburgh, the twenty fifth day of April 1690 years.

INASMUCH as by an Act of this present Parliament, relative to, and in prosecution of the Claim of Right, Prelacy and the Superiority of Church Officers above Presbyters, is Abolished, and that many Ministers of the Presbyterian persuasion, since the first of January One thousand six hundred and sixty one, have been deprived of their Churches, or Banished for not conforming to Prelacy, and not complying with the Courses of the time; therefore Their Majesties, with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, Ordain and Appoint, That all those Presbyterian Ministers yet alive, who were thrust from their Churches, since the first day of January One thousand six hundred and sixty one, or Banished for not conforming to Prelacy, and not complying with the Courses of the time, have forthwith free access to their Churches, that they may presently exercise the Ministry in these Parishes, without any new Call thereto, and allows them to brulk and enjoy the Benefices and stipends thereunto belonging, and that for the whole Crompt One thousand six hundred eighty and nine, and immediately to enter to the Churches and Houses, where the Churches are Vacant: and where they are not Vacant, then their salary thereto is Declared to be to the half of the Benefice and stipend, due and payable at Michalmals last, for the half year immediately preceeding betwixt Whitsunday and Michalmals; Desiring that the present Incumbent shall have right to the other half of the Stipend and Benefice, payable for the Whitsunday last by past; And to the effect that these Ministers may meet with no stop or hinderance in entering immediately to their Charges, the present Incumbents in such Churches, are hereby Appointed upon Intimation hereof, to desist from their Ministry in these Parishes, and to remove themselves from the Houses and Gleibs thereunto belonging, betwixt and Whitsunday next to come, that the Presbyterian Ministers formerly thrust out, may enter peaceably thereto; and Appoints the Privy Council to see this Act put to Execution. Extracted forth of the Records of Parliament, by me

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G O D save King VVilliam and Queen Mary.